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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Robinson, et al.
Serial No.: 09/484,629
Filed: January 18, 2000
Entitled: "Obesity Gene"

Examiner: Woitach, J.
Group Art Unit: 1632
Conf. No.: 9911

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002. Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response three months, up to, and including, November 22, 2002, along with the necessary fee. A check is enclosed to cover the petition fee. Please charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, reference No. 18396/1140.

Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

1) On page 1, after "Obesity Gene" please replace the paragraph after the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" inserted on page 1 by the February 20, 2002 amendment in response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2001 (paper number 26) with the following amended paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to International Application serial

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